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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" In answer to clause (*a*) we find that ' G.O. No. 37, Public, dated the 9th January 1925, has not been withdrawn.' Sir, we find that this Government Order states 'the Government have no power of interference unless the agraharams are connected with business centres. The members of the depressed classes have no free access to the post offices located in agraharams.' Well, Sir, though the agraharams are connected with business centres or with a post office and if the members of the depressed classes wish to have free access to the post office with a view to transact postal business, they are actually prevented from entering the agraharams. I want to know the reasons why they are prevented."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I was not aware of this until the hon. Member made himself responsible for the statement that members of the depressed classes are prevented from going to the post office. I was under the impression that a post office was a place of business so that the Government Order quoted by the hon. Member would technically apply to cases which he has been complaining of. If the hon. Member would make himself responsible for a contrary statement and specify the cases where such interference took place, the Government would inquire into the matter."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I point out that very recently in a village called Kethandapatti near Jolarpet, the members of the depressed classes were prevented from going to the post office through the agraharam ? "

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU (from the chair) :—" The instance which you refer to does not apply to the question set down on the agenda paper."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" As the hon. the Law Member asked me to specify the case where such interference was caused, I pointed out that instance."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If the hon. Member writes to me how the members of the depressed classes were interfered with or invite my attention to anything that has happened, I shall cause inquiries to be made."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Thank you, Sir."

Irrigation.

Alleged cancellation of water-supply for inam dry lands by the Collector of Madura.

* 331 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Madura has issued a notification in the *Madura District Gazette Extraordinary*, dated 13th February 1924, cancelling the permanent supply of water for inam dry lands from the close of fasli 1333;

(*b*) if so, the reason for the same ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Collector insists on every person irrigating or possessing landed interest in a certain land to obtain fresh permission in his name on pain of penalty in spite of the fact that the land was already given permanent supply and was included under a well-defined ayacut or a sluice in the channel ?

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A.—(*a*) The notification issued states that all permits in which fields are described by the old survey numbers are cancelled.

(*b*) This was necessary because the fields could not be identified by those numbers and it was necessary to ascertain in all cases the new survey numbers.

(*c*) Landholders have been directed to put in fresh applications with the correct numbers by the new survey. Permits will issue on receipt of these applications. But those who fail to comply with the directions will be liable to penalty.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Sir, with regard to the question asked in clause (*c*), namely, 'whether it is a fact that Collector insists on every person irrigating or possessing landed interest in a certain land to obtain fresh permission in his name on pain of penalty in spite of the fact that the land was already given permanent supply and was included under a well-defined ayacut or a sluice in the channel', a different answer has been given. So I want a direct answer to my question as to whether persons irrigating or possessing some interest in land are asked to obtain fresh permission in their name."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I have no further answer to give than that which appears on the paper."

332 *Q.*—Cancelled.

Land Revenue.

Assignment of poramboke lands to depressed classes in Kamalapuram.

*333 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of Government poramboke land in Kamalapuram have already been assigned to the members of the depressed classes as well as to the members of the caste Hindus of the said Kamalapuram village near Omalur, Salem district, for cultivation and house-sites respectively ; and

(*b*) how many acres of land are still left in the village for assignment for house-sites and for cultivation ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information nor is the question quite understood. It is not usual to assign poramboke land for cultivation to anybody. If the hon. Member will explain more clearly what the information is that he seeks, there will probably be no difficulty in obtaining it for him.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" My question is why non-depressed classes are treated more liberally in the matter of assignment of poramboke lands than the members of the depressed classes, who do not possess a single cent of poramboke land, whereas non-depressed classes possess patta lands."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I am not aware that that is so."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" In that case, will the hon. Member be pleased to call for the information ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" If the complaint is regarding assignments for house-sites, I shall be glad to do so."